

## Maritime School Opening of the Bay

The Fredonia-style fishing schooner *Ernestina* will sail into Duxbury's Snug Harbor at 11 am on Friday, May 14 to celebrate the Opening of the Bay for the Duxbury Bay Maritime School (DBMS). A community wide celebration is planned featuring tours of the *Ernestina*, entertainment and activities on Saturday, May 15 from 10 am-3 pm and Sunday, May 16 from 9-11 am. The festivities will take place at the DBMS William P. Ellison Campus, Snug Harbor in Duxbury. The tall ship event's main corporate sponsor is Plymouth Savings Bank. Other corporate sponsors include Demos Consulting, Lougee Insurance, Dunkin Donuts franchisees, Janney Montgomery Scott, and WATD.

At approximately 3:30 pm on Friday, the DHS marching band will greet the arrival of the *Ernestina* and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Bob Durand will be the keynote speaker. The Saturday Family Festival will feature Ecology Day where environmental, marine and special interest groups including the New England Aquarium will provide interactive exhibits. Entertainment will include the DHS Jazz Band, and Duxbury's Watson Reid & Americana. Official media sponsor, WATD will be broadcasting live throughout

the weekend.

Some of the other scheduled activities on Saturday include a display of the DBMS fleet, and knot tying demonstrations by Louis Richardi of the International Guild of Knot Tying. Bidding for the silent auction will be accepted throughout the day for many wonderful items. The artistic talent of Ross Kowalski's DHS Art Students will be on view.

On Friday, May 14 a Welcome Dockside Reception will take place from 6-9 pm. Tours of the ship, silent auction and an array of hors d'oeuvres, food, beer and wine will be served. Entertainment will include the talented Snugapellas and the Pete Collins Band. Ticket donations are \$50 per person. On Saturday, May 15 an Opening of the Bay Celebration will take place from 6-10:30 pm. This event will include a full bar, champagne, hors d'oeuvres, food stations, coffee

and dessert. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the *Ernestina* and bid on a variety of items at the silent auction. The talented O'Reillys will feature a repertoire of sea chanteys. Ticket donations are \$100 per person. Catering services for these events have been donated by David O'Connell of the Winsor House Inn and beverage service has been donated by Linda and Mark Collins. For information or to purchase tickets, please call the DBMS office at 934-7555.

Tours onboard the *Ernestina* are \$5 per person or \$10 per family and are open to the public. Parking is available at Battelle on Washington Street. Additional parking is available at DHS with a shuttle service to Snug Harbor available on Saturday. Any requests for special needs will be handled through Town Hall by calling 934-1108.